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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 13, 2006, Applicants hereby submit an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability for International Application PCT/JP2004/0013113 of which the above-referenced application is a national phase.

A Copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability is enclosed.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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